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WASHINGTON, September 17, 1992 -- The Labor Day holiday caused railroad freight traffic during the week ended September 12 to drop sharply from the corresponding year-earlier week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Carloadings totaled 305,399, down 12.2 percent from the corresponding 1991 week, which did not include the Labor Day holiday. Carloadings were down 17.3 percent in the East and 6.1 percent in the West.

Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 116,785 trailers or containers, down 10.7 percent from last year. Total rail volume was estimated at 19.4 billion ton-miles, down 10.6 percent from the corresponding 1991 week.

For the first 37 weeks of 1992, railroads originated 11,921,965 carloads of freight, up 1.2 percent from the comparable 1991 period. Intermodal volume totaled 4,630,478 trailers and containers, up 7.3 percent from 1991. Total volume was estimated at 749.7 billion ton-miles, up 2.9 percent from the first 37 weeks of 1991.

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of carloadings and 97 percent of intermodal volume.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1992	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	23,807	27,406	-13.1 %	27,797	-14.4 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,321	1,320	0.1	1,627	-18.8
Metallic Ores	17,323	16,688	3.8	19,718	-12.1
Coal	117,567	138,518	-15.1	127,240	-7.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	13,954	15,347	-9.1	17,095	-18.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,067	9,436	-14.5	8,871	-9.1
Grain Mill Products	9,526	10,230	-6.9	10,613	-10.2
Food & Kindred Products	7,869	9,474	-16.9	8,940	-12.0
Primary Forest Products	7,849	9,532	-17.7	9,243	-15.1
Lumber & Wood Products	4,791	5,662	-15.4	5,899	-18.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,330	10,115	2.1	11,121	-7.1
Chemicals	27,070	29,152	-7.1	29,470	-8.1
Petroleum Products	5,301	5,262	0.7	5,934	-10.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,818	9,637	-8.5	10,556	-16.5
Coke	5,108	5,489	-6.9	5,245	-2.6
Metals & Products	8,622	9,647	-10.6	9,475	-9.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,820	17,930	-17.3	17,417	-14.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	7,485	9,190	-18.6	8,736	-14.3
All Other Carloads	5,771	7,633	-24.4	7,524	-23.3
Total	305,399	347,668	-12.2 %	342,521	-10.8 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1992			CUMULATIVE: 37 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1992		
	1992	1991	CHANGE	1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	305,399	347,668	-12.2 %	11,921,965	11,775,389	1.2 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	58,830	66,850	-12.0	2,288,865	2,214,662	3.4
Containers	57,955	63,943	-9.4	2,341,613	2,099,103	11.6
Total	116,785	130,793	-10.7	4,630,478	4,313,765	7.3
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.4	21.7	-10.6 %	749.7	728.7	2.9 %